

## Excerpt from Interview with Ralph Contreras

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DePue: What's your opinion? There's been a lot of debates since that, about whether or not the United States should have dropped those atomic bombs.

Contreras: Well all I can say is these people that think that way, they should have been over there and seeing their buddies killed, seeing all the guys they got maimed for life, for crying out loud, and it's them or us. It's just too bad they didn't have it before a lot of them islands, before Okinawa, where all them guys got killed. If them people had relations, sons out there getting killed, they wouldn't think that way. That's the way I look at it.